

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Pinal County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE
A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932	Great	—	HIGH

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IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Conditional (Arizona cottage food law (A.R.S. §36-931/932) requires registration with AZ DHS (every 3 years). Food handler card required. Allows most non-TCS foods and some perishable foods (expanded by HB 2042, 2024). Non-dairy, non-meat products can be sold anywhere including online. Alcoholic beverages, unpasteurized milk, and cannabis products prohibited. Pinal County requires a Home Occupation permit for home-based businesses. Per Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260, 'commercial food preparation' is specifically listed as NOT a permitted home occupation — cottage food producers should verify whether their specific operation is categorized as commercial food preparation or fits within allowed home occupation activities.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Pinal County requires a Home Occupation permit (\$38 fee) from Community Development (85 N. Florence St., Florence, AZ 85132; 520-866-6442). Home occupation must be secondary to residential use; business use ≤25% of home square footage; max 1 non-resident employee; ≤5 clients/day; no public display of products. IMPORTANT: Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 lists 'commercial food preparation' as NOT a permitted home occupation. Cottage food producers should contact Pinal County zoning at zoning.sharedmailbox@pinal.gov to confirm whether their operation qualifies. If home is within an incorporated city (Florence city limits), city rules apply instead.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine kitchen inspection required for Arizona cottage food operations.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific restriction in state cottage food law beyond standard food safety practices.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state requirement beyond standard food safety.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices required.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS and some perishable foods allowed (post-HB 2042, 2024).

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Arizona state preemption strong; cottage food may be sold online, in stores, via third-party delivery. However, Pinal County home occupation restrictions may limit on-site client visits to max 5/day and 2 at a time. State registration with AZ DHS required.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not more than one non-resident employee per Pinal County home occupation rules.

Relevant county code

A.R.S. §36-931/§36-932 (state cottage food); Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 (home occupations).

RESEARCH NOTES

Pinal County Home Occupation permit process confirmed from official pinal.gov sources. Critical finding: Pinal County Zoning Ordinance §2.150.260 explicitly lists 'commercial food preparation' as NOT a permitted home occupation — cottage food operators should contact county zoning to determine if their operation is considered commercial food preparation or qualifies as a home occupation. Home occupation permit: \$38 fee, applied online via Citizen Access Portal or in person. If within incorporated Florence city limits, city rules apply. Arizona state cottage food registration required separately from AZ DHS.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pinal.gov>

<https://explore.pinal.gov/889/Starting-a-Home-Occupation>

<https://www.pinal.gov/DocumentCenter/View/515/Home-Occupation-Application-PDF>

<https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/arizona/pinal-county-discuss>

State context — Arizona cottage food law

Pinal County's rules sit on top of Arizona's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE A.R.S. §36-931 / §36-932	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY No
INDIRECT SALES Yes — Retail and wholesale sales are allowed for non-dairy/non-meat products; stores must display homemade products separately from commercially produced items; dairy and meat products must be sold directly in person (online orders allowed but must be delivered in person, not via third-party platforms).	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Arizona cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=36>

State dept cottage food page: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/food-safety-environmental-services/index.php#cottage-food>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/arizona/>

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